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SUBJ: SEPARATE SEAT FOR U.K. AT C.I.E.C. MINISTERIAL MEETING
IN DECEMBER

MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OFFICIAL JEAN SCHLEICH INFORMED
ECON OFFICER THAT BRITISH EMBASSY PRESENTED TO GOL AND HE
PRESUMES, TO OTHER INTERESTED GOVERNMENTS, BRITISH PROPOSED
SOLUTION TO U.K. INSISTENCE ON A SEPARATE SEAT AT THE
PRODUCER-CONSUMER (C.I.E.C.) MINISTERIAL MEETING IN DECEMBER.
THE U.K. PROPOSES AN EXPANSION FROM THE (MAGIC) NUMBER OF
TWENTY-SEVEN SEATS TO THIRTY-THREE, WITH FOUR OF THE ADDITIONAL
SIX SEATS TO LDC'S, PRESUMABLY ENCOURAGED BY THE U.K. TO SUPPORT
THIS INCREASE, AND TWO TO INDUSTRIAL NATIONS, SPECIFICALLY
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ONE FOR THE U.K. AND ONE FOR ANOTHER E.C. MEMBER COUNTRY.

THE GOL DOES NOT VIEW THIS AS A WELCOME OR HAPPY INITIATIVE
BY THE U.K., BUT SCHLEICH IS FEARFUL THAT IT JUST MIGHT BE
ACCEPTED BY THE E.C., EVEN THOUGH IT WOULD SERIOUSLY
DAMAGE THE POLICY OF A SINGLE E.C. VOICE ON INTERNATIONAL
ISSUES IN INTERNATIONAL FORA. GOL IS ALSO AWARE OF
U.S. POSITION REGARDING THE IMPORTANCE OF THE NUMBER
TWENTY-SEVEN AFTER ALL THE PREPARATORY WORK DEVOTED THIS
MEETING. SCHLEICH COMMENTED THAT FRANCE MIGHT ONLY BE
CONCERNED THAT THE CONFERENCE TAKE PLACE REGARDLESS.
OTHER E.C. MEMBERS--AS NON-HOSTS--WOULD BE MORE SENSITIVE
TO EFFECT ON E.C. UNITY.
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